

GONGKONG

THE DAILY NEWS

No. 3635

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1893.

SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER

BANKS.

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL £1,000,000
CAPITAL PAID UP £251,093.15.0
BANKERS: CAPITAL & COUNCIL'S BANK, LIMITED.
HEAD OFFICE: No. 3, PRINCE'S STREET, LONDON.
BRANCHES: BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI.
AGENCIES: PENANG, SINGAPORE AND YOKOHAMA.
RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS AND FIXED DEPOSITS CAN BE ASCERTAINED ON APPLICATION.
EVERY DESCRIPTION OF BANKING AND EXCHANGE BUSINESS TRANSACTED.
CHANTREY INCHBALD, Manager.
Hongkong, 6th November, 1893. [1887]

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.
AUTHORISED CAPITAL £1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED £1,145,000

BANKERS: LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS AT THE RATE OF 2 PER CENT. PER ANNUM ON THE DAILY BALANCE.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS—
For 12 Months 5 per cent.
" 6 " 4 "
" 3 " 3 "

JOHN THURBURN, Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1893. [192]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital £1,000,000
Subscribed Capital £1,500,000

HEAD OFFICE: HONGKONG.

Court of Directors—
D. GILLES, Esq. Chow Tung Shang, Esq.
Chen Kit Shan, Esq. Kwan Ho Chuen, Esq.
H. Stottler, Esq.

Chief Manager, GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,
Branches—London, Yokohama, Shanghai and Amoy.

BANKERS:—
The Commercial Bank of Scotland.
Parrs Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ltd.)

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per cent.
Hongkong, 16th November, 1893. [1893]

Amusements.

THE HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB,

WILL GIVE PERFORMANCES OF THE COMIC OPERA "PRINCESS TOTO," BY GILBERT AND CLAY.

On the following dates— December 26th, 28th and 30th, 1893, and January 3rd, 5th, 9th and 13th, 1894.

Curtain to rise at 9 P.M. precisely each night.
Prices: \$1, \$2, \$3.

Seats for any or all performances can be booked at Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & CO's, and after TUESDAY, the 19th December, from 10 A.M.

Books of the Words of the Songs, price 15 cents, at the Booking Office.

A late Train will run a quarter of an hour after the fall of the Curtain, each night.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1893. [1893]

THE COMING SENSATION. A GENUINE CHRISTMAS-TREAT.

D'ARCY'S WORLD D.F.A.M.E.D MARIONETTES.

FANTOCHES FRANCAISES.

A GRAND FANTOCCHIEN TROUPE.

COURT MINSTRELS.

"BLUE BEARD" PANTOMIME.

GRAND BALLETES.

LAUGHABLE HARLEQUINADES.

GORGEOS TRANSFORMATION.

BEAUTIFUL DRESSES AND SCENERY.

LOVELY LIME-LIGHT EFFECTS.

The whole tour ensemble.

MARVEL OF SPLENDOUR.

A BIJOU THEATRE.

Is being erected at WEST POINT, which will be favourably fitted up. Private Boxes, Brilliantly lit by Gas, &c., so that everything will be done to ACCOMPLISH A TRIUMPH.

WATCH FOR OPENING DATE.

FURTHER PARTICULARS SHORTLY.

E. C. CLITHEROW, Business Manager.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1893. [1893]

NGAI SHANG, 22, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.

RATTAN FURNITURE of Every Description.

CHAIRS, COUCHES, TABLES, BASKETS, CHILDREN'S COTS, ETC., ETC.

Latest Patterns, Best Workmanship.

Alton Rattan Co., 8th Rattan, Canton Road, Hongkong, 22nd November, 1893. [1893]

Insurances.

THE STANDARD.

ENDOWMENT ASSURANCE.

1. AMONG THE MANY ADVANTAGES of this form of Assurance, the following may be mentioned:—
(a) It secures an immediate Provision for wife and family or other relatives in event of early death.
(b) It provides a Fund for Retirement.
(c) It supplies an excellent Investment for the regular accumulation of small fixed sums of money.
(d) The Surrender and loan values are larger than under ordinary Policies.

2. AFTER THE POLICY HAS BEEN THREE YEARS IN FORCE—should the Policy-holder wish to discontinue future payments—he will be entitled to receive, on application, a FREE PAID-UP POLICY for a proportionate amount of the Sum Assured, as explained in the Prospectus.

Full particulars on application,
DODWELL, CARLILL & CO., Agents, STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.

Hongkong, 8th August, 1893. [1893]

SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCES on favourable terms.
Current rates, and a guaranteed Bonus equal to that paid by the local Offices.

S. J. DAVID & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1893. [1893]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED £1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS AT CURRENT RATES ON GOODS, &C. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

HEAD OFFICE,

No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

Hongkong, 24th November, 1893. [1893]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000 } EQUAL TO \$83,333.33-
RESERVE FUND \$318,000.00.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
LEE SING, Esq. LO YEE MOON, Esq.
LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken AT CURRENT RATES, to all parts of the World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1893. [1893]

Intimations.

THE FESTIVE SEASON.

THE HONGKONG TRADING COMPANY

HAVE A FINE SELECTION OF

TABLE LINEN.

USEFUL XMAS PRESENTS.

TOYS FOR THE LITTLE ONES.

HONGKONG TRADING CO.,

J. P. COTTAM, Managing Partner.

3 to 7 D'Aguilar Street,
Hongkong, 18th December, 1893. [1893]

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agent for the KONINKLIJKE PAKETVAART MAATSCHAPPIJ,

are prepared to grant through Bills of Lading to Ports of Java, Sumatra, (East and West Coast) Celebes, Timor, Sumbawa Islands, Dutch New Guinea, &c., &c. Bills of Lading for through Carriage from these Ports to be presented to the Undersigned for countersignature.

LAUTS, WAGENER & CO.,

Hongkong, 25th November, 1893. [1893]

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Hongkong, 25th November, 1893. [1893]

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1893.

Intimations.
DAKIN, CRUCKSHANK & COMPANY, LIMITED.
 VICTORIA DISPENSARY, HONGKONG.
 CONFECTIONERY, &c.

We have just received our New Stock of CONFECTIONERY and are offering the same at prices suitable for the present bad times.

CHOCOLATE CREAMES.

PATES D'APRICOT.

CHOCOLATE ALMONDS.

FANCY BOXES OF SWEETS of various kinds from 2 Dollars to 25 Cents.

SUGARED ALMONDS.

BURNT ALMONDS.

MIXED SWEETS.

TOM SMITH'S CRACKERS.

CIGARETTE CASES, CIGAR CASES,
CARD CASES.

In SILVER, ELECTRO, SNAKE SKIN,
RUSSIAN LEATHER, &c.

CIGAR & CIGARETTE HOLDERS, PIPES.
Hongkong, 13th November, 1893. [1304]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

WE INVITE ATTENTION TO OUR STOCKS

OF

**CONFETIONERY
AND
CHRISTMAS GOODS.**

JORDAN ALMONDS, NOUGAT, BUTTER SCOTCH, ASSORTED TOFFEES, DRAGEES, PRALINES, and a large selection

PURE CONFETIONERY from the leading Manufacturers.

CADBURY'S SPECIAL CHOCOLATE CREAMES.

PINE, APRICOT, CHERRY, SLIME, GUAVA, and other

FRUIT JELLIES

in great variety.

TOM SMITH'S CHRISTMA CRACKERS.

COLOURED OPALS
MOUNTED IN PLUMES,
representing favourite subjects.

A Large Assortment of ENGLISH AND JAPANESE CHRISTMAS CARDS,

of handsome and artistic designs, suitable to all tastes and at moderate prices.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED,
The Hongkong Dispensary,
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1861.
Hongkong, 3rd November, 1893. [5]

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

FROM AND AFTER THE 1st OF JANUARY, 1894, THE SUBSCRIPTION TO "THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" WILL BE THIRTY DOLLARS PER ANNUM, OR TWO DOLLARS AND A HALF PER MONTH.

ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.

DEATHS.

At Shanghai, on the 17th December, 1893, MALCOLM LAVIE, the infant son of ROBERT LAVIE and ROSE AMANDA SMITH; aged 2 months and 6 days.

At Shanghai, on the 17th December, 1893, JAMES HOWALL, late Inspector of River Police, I.M.C.; aged 54.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1893.

TELEGRAMS.

A LIBERAL VICTORY.

LONDON, December 20th.
Mr. J. F. Lee, C. Recorder of Manchester, (Liberal) has been re-elected Member for Accrington, defeating his former opponent Mr. Horace Hodge (Conservative) by a majority of 250 votes.

THE LATE "EDINBURGH'S" "PERKS."

Mr. Gladstone stated that the Government had acquiesced in the decision of the Duke of Buccleuch, now of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, to renounce the annuity of £15,000 per annum while retaining the marriage annuity of £10,000 per annum.

Mr. Labouchere objected and moved an adjournment to discuss the question. Permission to adjourn was refused by a majority of 118.

The following special telegram is from the Calcutta *Advertiser*:

LONDON, November 25th. THE MANCHESTER NOVEMBER HANDICAP of 12 sows, each 10 ft., with 1,000 sows added; for three-year-olds and upwards; winners (selling rates excepted) after the weights are declared 5lb.; twice or once of 500 sows, 10lb. extra; the owner of the second horse to receive 100 sows, out of the stakes; entrance, 5 sows, the only liability if forfeit to be declared to Messrs. Wetherby by a time to be named when the weights appear. Cup Course (one mile and six furlongs).

THE obelisk of the Lateran is an Egyptian monument of red granite, nearly 150 feet in height, originally belonging to the Temple of the Sun at Helopolis, removed thence to Alexandria by Constantine, and subsequently brought to Rome, where it now stands in the centre of the Piazza di San Giovanni.

It is reported that by the orders of the Governor of Formosa work is to be commenced immediately on the railway between Kelung and Wwei. The line will be about 90 m. in length, but a considerable section of it is to be over very difficult country to work. The operations are to be carried out entirely by soldiers.

THE Post Office notification published in last evening's *Telegraph* regarding the hours to be observed during the Christmas holidays and which stated that the "Telegraph Office" would be closed on the 24th and 25th instant, did not refer to the offices of the Cable Companies.

These, as is well known, are kept open night and day from one year's end to the other, disregarding each and every holiday.

MR. ARONI, photographer, has courteously forwarded a copy of the photograph taken by him at the inauguration of the Bellios School.

The view has as background not the (more or less) handsome school building, but a hideous mass of Chinese houses, with the inevitable pair of celestial "sticks" strung on a bamboo; and one row of houses has a heavy list to starboard, which is hardly in keeping with the dignity of this imposing and memorable ceremony. However, the faces of the principal personages come out very well indeed—almost as well as if manipulated by a European photographer.

In a recent issue of *Das Echo* there is an account of a duel fought between two boys, twelve years of age, in the town of Ghent. It appears that the youthful fire-eaters quarrelled and decided to settle their difference in the coffee-and-pistol style so popular with our Continental friends. They accordingly repaired to a smokehouse with their seconds and at the word "Ho!" fired, one of them, named Temmermann, immediately falling dead with his adversary's bullet in his head, while the other escaped without a scratch, but together with the seconds, was arrested shortly after the fray.

At a meeting of Victoria Lodge on Thursday evening, Bro. S. L. Darby was installed as Worshipful Master of the Lodge for the ensuing year by Wor. Bro. the Hon. C. P. Chater, District Grand Master, who was attended by the District Grand Lodge Officers. The Worshipful Master afterwards invested his officers as follows:

S. W. Bro. W. Newton; J. W. Bro. E. Ellis; Treasurer; Bro. W. Klesper; Secretary; Wor. Bro. A. O'D. Gould; S. D. Bro. J. G. Wright; J. D. Bro. G. P. Lammett; D. C. Bro. J. Keddie; I. G. Bro. W. M. McK. Wood; Tyler, Bro. J. R. Grimble. On the closing of the Lodge the Brethren adjourned to a banquet, at which the usual loyal and masonic toasts were honoured.

THE supporters of the anti-mixed-residence movement have been busy in Kyoto of late, and as a consequence have managed to obtain 2,000 signatures to a petition against mixed residence which is shortly to be submitted to the Diet. As Kyoto has a population of about 230,000, the efforts of the anti-mixed-residence party, in the opinion of the *Kobe Chronicle*, cannot be described as being very successful.

THE *Shanghai Mercury* is credibly informed that the two heads promised in the Shanghaia massacre settlement are regarded by the "sleek politico" Victoray as a delicate compliment to the eminent naturalist who negotiated the matter, and who has distinguished himself in this kind of thing before in Borneo. The title of his new book, it is respectfully submitted, should be "The Head-Hunters of Sungku," not of Borneo.

THE Inspectors and sergeants of the Police Force, with their accustomed hospitality, have arranged to entertain their friends at a quadrille party to be held at the Central Station on Christmas night.

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AT the Regular meeting of the Victoria Preceptorial held on the 22nd instant the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Eminent Preceptor—Sir Knight G. C. Anderson, Treasurer—Sir Knight J. W. Kinghorn, Guard—Sir Knight J. Maxwell.

THE ship *St. David*, which recently arrived in Yokohama from New York, had rather rough time of it during the voyage. One tremendous sea washed three of the crew overboard, all of whom were drowned, as it was too rough to launch a boat.

In the British Consular Court at Shanghai on the 18th inst., Mr. Justice Hannan refused an application by Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. to adduce fresh evidence in the suit of Major *versus* Jardine, Matheson & Co., the case having already been concluded and judgment reserved.

It will be seen in another part of this issue, death has taken away Inspector James Howell, of Shanghai, who joined the Customs service in 1860. He was appointed Inspector of River Police in 1882, and had many friends. He was for a number of years Foreman of No. 2 Hongkong Fire Engine Company.

SPECIAL services in connection with the new and greatly needed organ in St. Peter's Seamen's Church, at West Point, will be held to-morrow morning and evening at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. respectively. The Rev. E. H. Davies will preach at the morning and the Rev. A. Gurney Goldsmith at the evening service.

THE Duchess of Edinburgh is the happy possessor—from the Russian and superstitions point of view—of two genuine bear skins, one of which was left to her Imperial father and the other by her aunt. The bear skin is cut from a very rare animal and is regarded as a sure preserver of health and happiness.

THE American ship *John Y. Robbins*, from Hakodate to San Francisco, with a cargo of sulphur, is reported by the *Yokohama Mail* to be afloat on Mussel Point, opposite Hakodate Head. The bottom is sandy, and being close to port, where assistance is available, the vessel will probably be rescued from her present position.

IT is doubtful whether the shipbuilding industry of this colony was ever more active than at present. The Dock Company appears to have as much work on hand as ever, while Messrs. Fenwick & Co., and the Chinese shipbuilders of Yau-mei and Hung-ham have quite a number of small steamers on their stocks and several recently launched, lying off the Kwangtung Loons and Hup Tse Loons engines and boiler works at Wan-chai almost ready to put to sea. Among the latter are three 76 foot 12-knot, swin-gig light-draft steamers, built to the order of Mr. Wong Yip Ho, of Canopic, and intended for the West River trade, while a stout little iron steam-launch, the *Hong Wai*, also anchored in Wan-chai Bay, will shortly become an important addition to the Cantonese West River Steamship Company's fleet of river-boats.

THE following is a translation of a Chinese placard recently posted in Penang:—Of late the world has been in a disturbed state. We Chinese, who belong to a powerful nation, have left our country and our homes to come to this foreign land to earn our livelihood, and we consider ourselves as precious as people of other nationalities. But these lawless foreigners treat us like insects and ants. They send the police out at night between the hours of one and five, to do injury to all us Chinese who are met with on the road between those hours, and several tens of innocent men have been made the victims of this bad treatment within the past half month. It is a pity that we Chinese should be subjected to this kind of oppression. When a foreigner meets with his death by foul means there is redress for him, but none for a Chinaman! All persons should take this into consideration and not go abroad at night any more.

A CORRESPONDENT who signs himself "Shop," writes to *India Engineering*:—

The use of words in the Money Market is really most extraordinary.

What is the world cast they mean by "gold has appreciated?"

I should not have thought that a mere metal like gold could appreciate anything or anybody; it certainly has not appreciated me for some time past or it would have disposed itself a little more freely towards my pocket.

It does not matter to a stock-broker, a friend of mine, what he means by the phrase "gold has appreciated."

"It is an abbreviation," said he, "it means the price of gold is appreciated."

I went away repeating to myself "the price of gold is appreciated."

Now, I have noticed that people never appreciate the price of a thing unless the price is very low. If I buy a horse I always highly appreciate a low figure, and in trying to sell one I have always observed the seller appreciates reduction, discount—anything that makes the price less.

So when I next saw my stock-broker I asked how it was that the price of gold was so low.

"Low! Low!" he said "why, man, the price of gold has never been so high in my life before. There's pretty well a gold panic."

It is stated in the column headed Money Market that "gold" has appreciated" and you told me that meant "the price of gold is appreciated."

"To be sure" said the stock-broker.

"It is quite evident to me," said I, "that you don't know what the word appreciate means."

"Indeed! Then perhaps you can tell me."

"Appreciate means to value highly: how can gold appreciate a thing highly?"

"You put some gold on your head" said that insulating stock-broker, "you'll find it a good deal more highly valued; it may even reach the full value of the gold." With that he left me.

You see, Mr. Editor, how little thanks they who go about trying to improve other people,

THE Inquest on the body of the coolie killed by a crane accident at Quarry Bay a few days ago was commenced yesterday before Mr. Wodehouse, now of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, to renounce the annuity of £15,000 per annum while retaining the marriage annuity of £10,000 per annum.

THE Mission steam-launch *Dey Spring* will call alongside vessels hoisting code pendant C, between 9 and 10.30 a.m., on Sunday, to convey men ashore to the 11 o'clock service, returning at 12.30 p.m.

ACCORDING to the latest available returns Russia has the largest *proto* population, 108,840; next comes India with 76,510, Italy with 66,813, Japan with 63,821, France with 60,816, the United States with 59,258 and Great Britain with 50,474.

THE *China Mail* last night had an item of a kind which is becoming far too common in that quarter, and for the sake of public decency we had intended to deal with it; but really it is quite unfit for publication, and the police ought to be put on "Brownie's track."

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THE "SUGAR" RAILWAY.

MADRAS, December 16th.

In March next the public will be asked to subscribe the capital for building a railway from Manilla to the Taal sugar district. The Government guarantees eight per cent. interest.

THE INTERNATIONAL GLOVE FIGHT.

We learn that a private telegram was received in Hongkong to-day stating that Charles Mitchell knocked Jim Corbett out in the sixth round. A few days ago it was rumored, though on no certain authority, in town that Corbett had put the English champion to sleep in the 27th round.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

MONDAY and Tuesday being Bank and public holidays there will be no issue of the *Hongkong Telegraph*, and we take advantage of the occasion to wish our friends (and enemies too) the congratulations of the Season, and to each and all of the varied tribe may the ensuing term be a prosperous one!

IT is said that newspaper work pays so badly in Sydney just now that one Press Association has sent forth a branch in the form of a matrimonial agency.

THE *Charters Tower*, now the *Artak Maru*, recently sold to the *Mitsui Bussan Keisha*, arrived here-to-day from Katchisotu flying the Japanese flag.

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THE ship *St. David*

Mr. Joseph Mariburk; in the absence of instructions asked for, and for other obvious reasons, this claim was not pressed, but I refused to pay him the dividends upon his admitted claim against the Company, whereupon he instituted proceedings to enforce payment thereof, which necessitated setting up the counter-claim for short stock in order to avoid payment of his claim while he was indebted to the Company; for this I have done and obtained judgment for the counter-claim and costs.

Having so far as possible completed the Company's unfurnished stock of furniture, and sold the same either privately or by auction, the remaining stock was sold by auction in October last, and also, at a subsequent sale this month, particulars of which will appear in the next statement.

Of the unpaid calls there remains an amount which may be regarded as, in a certain event, recoverable, but the greater part must be considered as beyond recovery.

From the state of our accounts it will be seen that the tangible assets on the 20th June were \$31,771.66 while the liabilities (omitting capital and Mr. Mariburk's claim now disposed of) amounted to \$14,431.92, leaving, after deducting these liabilities in full, a surplus of assets of \$10,339.64; this surplus will, however, probably be largely absorbed by the heavy loss on the late forced sales by auction.

Immediately upon the adoption of these accounts by you, it is proposed to declare a further dividend to the creditors. The accounts of the current half-year are now being prepared and will be submitted to you as soon as the same are audited and, after their adoption by you, the remaining assets will be distributed and the liquidation closed.

In conducting this liquidation certain valuable assistance was rendered, and for it a proposal will be submitted to you that suitable remuneration shall be paid; I have agreed to acknowledge the services of Mr. A. Smith, the Company's late assistant manager, who at inadequate remuneration has materially aided in the compilation and sale of the Company's property.

In conclusion, I have to state that the lately pending suit with Mr. Mariburk, together with the exigencies of my own private business, have prevented the preparation and issue of this report earlier.

I am, Gentlemen,
Yours faithfully,
W. S. JOHN H. HANCOCK.

THE MARIBURK FURNITURE COMPANY,
LIMITED.
(In Liquidation.)

30th June, 1893, to 30th, 1893.

Cr.	Assets.
To Gondwill, estimated	\$ 20.00
" Stock	15,351.50
" S. J. Gondwill to Bangkok	1,158.80
Machinery in Stock	3,727.71
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank in Account with I. Liquidator \$10,067.95	
Cash in hand	351.50
" Sundry Debtors	10,419.45
" Mariburk Furniture Co. Limited, 200 shares Nos. 1,101 to 1,200 (100 shares) Nos. 1,281 to 1,380 (100 shares) taken in part liquidation of debt—Nominal value \$5,000.00	
Balance	59,814.00
	\$94,585.96

Cr.	Liabilities.
By Capital	
3,000 shares @ \$25	\$75,000.00
Less calls unpaid	7,100.00
	\$67,900.00
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank	
" Due to them prior to liquidation	16,007.45
" J. Mariburk	
" Due as compensation for terminating agreement \$3,000.00	
For balance salary to 14th Aug. 1893	254.00
Accounts Payable	
For Material	\$1,715.05
" Director's fees	1,000.00
" Printing & advertising	546.57
" Auditor's fees	100.00
" Coal	295.51
" Compensation to Mr. A. Smith	800.00
Stationery	4.10
Labour	43.77
Legal Expenses	94.50
Partners and Commission	619.34
Taxes	7.00
Insurance	3.67
Salaries	183.96
Factory Rent	
Mar. to Aug. 1893	\$1,499.00
May & June	1,568.00
1893	9.00
Sundries	23.70
Telephone Co.	50.00
Arthur & Co., crockeryware	1,231.60
Bricks, repairable to boiler	202.50
Working Account	8,424.47
	\$9,585.96

Dr. 30th June, 1893, to 30th June, 1893.

To Balance from last account	\$12,447.12
" Labour	643.59
" Material used	1,034.35
Rent for factory and store (1st July, 1893, to 30th June, 1893)	5,825.47
Taxes	404.20
Salaries	3,976.60
Commissions	1,129.83
Commission	
For calculating the losses of factory and store	\$6,480.39
For inclosing agreement with Mr. A. Smith	800.00
For cancelling agreement with Mr. J. Mariburk	2,000.00
Machinery	
Cost of same	\$10,267.94
Less Sale	\$10,732.00
Less in stock	1,727.71
	\$12,509.71
Goodwill written off	778.35
Stock	49,800.00
On hand as per last statement	\$44,483.50
Less estimate d'value of stock 30th June, 1893	13,351.50
Charges (auction expenses, &c.)	2,032.47
Furniture and Fixtures	601.13
Insurance	543.64
Travelling expenses	209.44
Office expenses	151.74
Coal	163.14
Interest	117.93
Auditor's fees	100.00
Bad debts	132.83
Stationery	69.67
Loss on sale of crockery (Arthur & Co.)	117.02
Loss on consignment to Manila	261.47
Liquidator's fees	602.00
	\$6,226.63

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Dr. Shantaram Vitha says:—"I don't remember having signed the petition, if I have done so, it was, perhaps, after a hasty perusal of the document. On reading the petition now carefully I have reason to disagree."

Dr. R. N. Permanand says:—"I don't remember signing the petition, a copy of which appears in the Anti-Opium News for September 1892, and to which my signature has been attached. I do not agree with the views contained therein."

Dr. L. D. Almeida says:—"I have faint recollection of signing a petition about opium consumption. . . . I must have done under some misunderstanding or wrong information."

Dr. Joshi says:—"I don't remember to have signed the petition, taking an extreme view of the opium question. I am of opinion that opium used in moderate quantities by people accustomed to its use proves of great benefit to them and that the total abstinence from it would lead to the people to a worse nature."

Dr. F. X. Ferreira says:—"I remember having signed a petition, but did so under some misapprehension. I am for opium."

Dr. Merwitz Kavvadi says:—"I do not remember having signed such a petition. If I have, it must have been under some misrepresentation, for my views are quite the contrary."

Dr. M. R. Sethna says:—"I don't remember having signed the petition, but to say the truth I had no time to read it, as I was very busy at the time. I am for opium, and had I read the contents, I should not have signed it."

Dr. A. F. Fernandes says:—"I remember having signed the petition, but probably under some misrepresentation, for I do not quite share the views thereto stated. Only when abused opium produces its bad effects, and not taken in moderation."

Dr. A. P. Andrade says:—"I signed the petition under misrepresentation."

Dr. Edulow says:—"I don't remember having signed the petition, but if I have done so, it must have been under some false representation or without a careful reading of it. On carefully reading it now I quite disagree with it."

Dr. A. H. Hymans says:—"I do not remember having signed a petition with a postscript attached to it. At any rate my views are quite opposite to those contained in the petition."

The writer of this is prepared to satisfy Mr. Robinson, or any other candid inquirer like him, as to the truth of the statements now made by the above-named gentlemen. What a commentary on the ways of the Anti-Opium League!

NOTES FROM CHINESE PAPERS.

A large fire occurred at Hankow on the 13th inst., in which over a hundred families were burnt out and two large temples destroyed. The fire originated in one of the latter.

H.E. Wang Yu-tsao, the newly-appointed Provincial Treasurer of Szechuan, has left Shanghai for Ichang by the Kiangyung via Hankow. His Excellency will proceed overland for his post at Chengtu, the capital of Szechuan.

A large fire occurred on the 15th inst. at Peking; a large bamboo yard, cotton cleaning and packing house, and a number of houses, all the property of a man named Chang, being completely destroyed, the loss being not less than Tsu, 20,000.

The scholars and cadets of the Nanking Naval School were examined on the 13th and 14th inst. by H.E. Liu Kun-yi the Governor-General. The examinations passed off successfully, all the candidates; and although ordered to proceed at once to the spot and investigate the affair, he never went. Not that he would have been in any danger, for the authorities, whatever they may think themselves fit to do to a merchant or missionary, at present regard an official as sacred. Next he must tell the Chinese that, as regards the native side of the case, he would neither expose himself nor send a foreigner, but would depict his native hangmen to conclude the case. This mistaken action of his is largely responsible for all the atrocities of the Sungpu enquiry with the havoc made by the authorities.

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THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1893.

The Share Market.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—100 per cent., prem. sales.
The National Bank of China, Ltd.—on £3,000 paid up—\$25, sales and buyers.
The Bank of China, Ltd.—Founders' shares, nominal.
The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ltd.—nominal.
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Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—2½ per cent., premium, sellers.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—2 per cent., premium, buyers.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—2½ per cent., premium.
Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$94 per share, sales and buyers.
China Traders' Insurance Company—\$55 per share, sales and buyers.
North China Insurance—Tls. 135 per share, buyers.
Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$142 per share, sellers.
Yangtze Insurance Association—\$60, sellers.
On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 15 per share.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$202 per share, buyers.
China Fire Insurance Company—\$81 per share, buyers.
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$20 per share, sales and buyers.
China and Manilla Steam Ship Company—\$53 per share, sellers.
Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—\$74 per cent. discount, sales and buyers.
Douglas Steamship Company—\$43, sellers.
The Steam Launch Co., Limited—\$20 per share, buyers.
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—79 per cent. premium, buyers.
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited—\$18 per share, sellers.
Hongkong Hotel Company—\$15 per share, sellers.
Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per cent. Debentures—
The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Company, Limited—\$4 per share, sellers.
The Shanghai Hotel Co., Limited—\$4 per share, sellers.
Punjab Mining Co.—\$7 per share, sellers.
The Raub Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$4 per share, sales and sellers.
The Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$1 per share, sellers.
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin—\$65 per share, sellers and buyers.
The Jebel Mining and Trading Co., Limited—\$15 sales and buyers.
New India Mining Co., Limited—nominal.
London and Pacific Petroleum Co., Ltd.—via China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$180 per share, sales and buyers.
Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$35 buyers.
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$10, buyers.
Dakin, Cruckshank & Co., Limited—\$1 per share, sales and buyers.
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$4 per share, buyers.
The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Limited—\$9 per share, sellers.
The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Limited—\$51 sellers.
The West Point Buildings Co., Limited—\$20 per share, sellers.
H. G. Brown & Co., Limited—\$71 per share, buyers.
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—\$37 per share, sellers.
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$90 per share, sellers.
Hongkong Gas Company—\$110 per share, buyers.
Hongkong Ice Company—\$81 per share, sellers.
Hongkong and China Baker Company, Limited—\$65 per share, sellers.
The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Limited—\$5 per share, sellers.
The Greek Island Cement Co.—\$51, buyers.
The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Limited—\$4 per share, sales and buyers.
The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Limited—\$5 per share, nominal.
The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—\$65 per share, buyers.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON—Bank, T. T. 2/3
Bank Bills, on demand 2/3
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 2/4
Credits at 4 months' sight 2/4
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 2/4
ON PARIS—
Bank Bills, on demand 2.01
Credits at 4 months' sight 2.95
ON INDIA:—
T. T. 180/4
On Demand 181
ON SHANGHAI—
Bank, T.T. 72½
Private, 30 days' sight 73

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Mr. Min. Mr. & Mrs. Wushnowski
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Mr. McMillan. Capt. of Mrs. Wilmer.
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CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

22nd December, 1893—At 4 p.m.

STATION.	Lat.	Long.	Temp.	Wind.	W.	W.	W.	W.
Whidbeystock	48.58	10°	50°	N	—	—	—	—
Takao	36.05	120°	50°	W	—	—	—	—
Nagasaki	36.05	138°	50°	W	—	—	—	—
Danao	10.05	125°	50°	W	—	—	—	—
Foochow	26.05	118°	50°	W	—	—	—	—
Amyo	30.05	135°	50°	ENE	—	—	—	—
Anping	30.00	125°	50°	NE	—	—	—	—
Canton	23.05	115°	50°	NE	—	—	—	—
Hongkong	22.05	115°	50°	W	—	—	—	—
Wan Po	22.05	115°	50°	W	—	—	—	—
Gao Rock	20.05	120°	50°	W	—	—	—	—
Macao	22.05	115°	50°	W	—	—	—	—
Holloway	20.15	120°	50°	W	—	—	—	—
Bolton	20.00	120°	50°	W	—	—	—	—
Malacca	10.50	120°	50°	W	—	—	—	—
Cape St. James	50.05	135°	50°	SE	—	—	—	—

REPORTS.

The Japanese steamship *Mitsu Maru* reports that she left Kobe on the 17th instant. Had fine weather throughout.

The Japanese steamship *Ariaki Maru* reports that she left Kuching on the 18th instant. Had fine weather.

The British steamship *Kwongtsang* reports she left Wuhu on the 13th instant, and experienced fresh northerly wind and fine weather to port.

The British steamship *Catherine Apcar* reports that she left Calcutta on the 6th instant, Penang on the 13th, and Singapore on the 16th. After leaving Singapore experienced fresh monsoon and high sea.

Post Office.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE.

For Canton.—Per *Powder* to-morrow, the 24th instant, at 9 A.M.

For Shanghai.—Per *Takao* on Monday, the 25th instant, at 9 A.M.

For Singapore.—Per *Salaliga* on Tuesday, the 26th instant, at 9 A.M.

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For Europe, &c., Australia, India, *via* Madras, Calcutta, and Mauritius.—Per *Salsbury* on Wednesday, the 27th instant, at 11 A.M.

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